



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 372**

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Substitute House Bill No. 5440

*House of Representatives, April 10, 2018*

The Committee on Commerce reported through REP. SIMMONS of the 144th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING BUSINESS REGISTRATION, LICENSING AND PERMITTING THROUGH THE STATE'S ELECTRONIC BUSINESS PORTAL.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Secretary of the State and  
2 the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, in  
3 consultation with the Connecticut Economic Resource Center, shall  
4 study the expansion of the state's electronic business portal,  
5 established pursuant to section 3-99d of the general statutes, to serve as  
6 a centralized and streamlined business registration, license and permit  
7 filing system. The goals of such system shall include, but not be limited  
8 to, shortening agency processing time and improving communication  
9 among state agencies and between state agencies and businesses. Such  
10 system shall: (1) Allow a business to create a single online account  
11 connected to multiple state agencies; (2) allow a business to register  
12 with and apply for and renew licenses and permits from such agencies  
13 through such system; (3) allow a business to pay any registration,  
14 license or permit fees through such system; and (4) include a

15 messaging component that allows such agencies to provide  
16 notifications to a business about the status of any business  
17 registrations, licenses, permits and applications. Such system shall  
18 allow agencies to maintain their own back-end databases for managing  
19 business registrations, licenses and permits.

20 (b) Not later than January 1, 2019, the Secretary of the State shall  
21 submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of  
22 the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General  
23 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce and  
24 government administration. Such report shall include the feasibility of  
25 designing and implementing a system as described in subsection (a) of  
26 this section, the state agencies that could or should be involved in such  
27 system, an estimated cost for the design, implementation and  
28 maintenance of such system and a proposed process and timeline for  
29 the design and the implementation of such system.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**CE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

#### ***State Impact:***

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 19 \$</b>	<b>FY 20 \$</b>
Secretary of the State ; Department of Economic and Community Development	GF - Cost	15,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

***Municipal Impact:*** None

#### ***Explanation***

The bill requires the Secretary of State (SOTS) and the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) to perform a study on electronic business portals and submit a report on January 1, 2019.

The bill results in a one-time cost of \$15,000 to either SOTS or DECD for a consultant to perform the study, as neither agency has the expertise for this purpose.

#### ***The Out Years***

There is no annualized ongoing impact as this is a one-time study with the report due on January 1, 2019.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/27/2018)